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In re the Application of: Haines et al.

Serial No.: 09/733,433

Group Art Unit: 2626

Filed: December 8, 2000

Examiner: M. Wallerson

For: **REORDER ASSISTANCE NOTIFICATION OF NEAR END-OF-LIFE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before taking any action in this case, please consider the following amendments  
for the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.